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This Week in NYC

Brooks Atkinson announced his retirement as NY Times drama critic in June 1960. He will continue on the Times' staff and write a semi-weekly column covering theatre, films, books, TV and nature. Atkinson has been drama critic from 1925 to 1942 and from 1956 to the present. From 1942 to 1944 he served as a war correspondent in Chungking and in 1945 was in Moscow as correspondent. No successor has been selected as yet. Column items picking Harold Clurman, "Nation" reviewer and director, were denied by latter at "Drama Desk."

Plays

Golden Fleecing to close Dec 26 after 84 performances... A Loss of Roses closed after 25 performances. Next tenant at O'Neill will be A Distant Bell, new title of "And So, Farewell", Jan 13. This must leave in early Feb to make way for The Cool World, Warren Miller and Robert Rossen's adaptation of Miller's novel, due Feb 16 at O'Neill... Warm Peninsula to close Jan 2 after 87 performances.

Motel due Jan 21 at Hayes... Cut of the Axe, Sheppard Kerman's adaptation of Delmar Jackson's novel of the same name due Feb 8 staged by John O'Shaughnessy, starring Thomas Mitchell. Kerman is understudy to Kurt Kaznar, Sound of Music... Duel of Angels by Jean Giraudoux and Christopher Fry with Vivien Leigh scheduled for Jan by Playwrights Co... The Long Dream, Ketti Frings adaptation of Richard Wright's novel due Feb 18 with Lawrence Winters, staged by Lloyd Richards presented by Cheryl Crawford-Joel Schenker... Beg, Borrow or Steal musical due in Feb at 54th St Theatre... The Little Foxes revival may be presented at CityCenter. Piccolo Teatro di Milano tour to open Feb 23 at City Center... Laurette delayed from Mar 10 to Oct 24 due to Judy Holliday film completion of "Bells Are Ringing."

Players

Karen Shepard Subbed for ill Marion Marlowe, Sound of Music... Merle Letowt subbed at short notice for ill Lane Bradbury, Gypsy... Mel Dowd subbed for Geraldine Page, Sweet Bird of Youth, during latter's vacation in Lebanon... Kenneth Haigh Colleen Dewhurst, Michael Ebert added to Caligula... Ludwig Donath to be featured in Deadly Game... Ernest Truex to co-star in The Good Soup with Ruth Gordon and Lee Remick... Inger Stevens and Julia Meade join Roman Cade... Jane Fonda to make NY debut in key role of There Was a Little Girl by Daniel Taradash based on Christopher Davis' novel "Lost Summer" due in Feb at Cort, Josh Logan director, Fryer-Carr producers... Pert Kelton left Music Man to join Greenwillow, Cecil Kellaway also in new musical by Frank Loesser... Edna Wallace Hopper, in her mid 90s, died.

Calendar

The Mime Theatre of Etienne Decroux-Cricket 12/23. Henry Jaglom-Miles Krueger present limited 4 week run with American students of French mime... Pictures in the Hallway-Phoenix 12/26-1/3. Phoenix presents special program of staged reading adaptation of Sean O'Casey autobiography by Paul Shyre, staged by Stuart Waugh with Mildred Dunnock, Gerry Jedd. Originally presented on Broadway in 1956... The Tempest-East 74th- 12/27. Festa Productions present Shakespeare play edited and directed by Rolf Forsberg with Edward Asner, Lee Henry.

Special Events

Actors Fund Gold Medals won by Ralph Bellamy and Police Commissioner Stephen Kennedy, latter for always maintaining active interest in theatre and in Fund, Dec 19 parade in honor of second birthday of Music Man to march down 44th st.

Theatre Film Notes

France Nuyen to repeat her role in film version of World of Suzie Wong to be filmed in Hong Kong next month... Arlene Dahl to star in film Lysistrata to be made in Rome.

Theatre TV Notes

Celeste Holm and Art Carney to co-star in The Man in the Dog Suit NBC Jan 8... Audie Murphy and Thelma Ritter to co-star in The Man NBC Jan 5... CBS may re-run Peter Pan Telecast... WNTA-(NY) Play of the Week Dec 21 Thieves Carnival cast includes Pat Stanley, Robert Morse, Kurt Kaznar, Tom Bosley.

Theatre Record Notes

Shoestring Revue original cast disc made by Offbeat Records with players gathering to work at scale as tribute to producer Ben Bagler, ill at Rogers Memorial Hospital, Saranac Lake, NY

Theatre Book Notes

Gang's All Here script to be published by World Publishing... "Costuming for the Theatre" by Joseph Paterk published by Crown... "The Judy Garland Story" by Fred Finklehoff to be published by Random House.

Theatre Ad Notes

Little Mary Sunshine ad thanked Kerr, Herald Tribune, for Sun. follow-up review, which they reprinted... Full page portrait of William Inge in Time's display ad for Esquire Jan issue which includes text of A Loss of Roses.

Off Broadway

Ballad of Jazz St closed... Big Knife which had planned to fold Dec 13 to continue... USA tried a 9:40 PM Fri curtain for shoppers... Summer of 17th Doll cast played a Mon performance at Hartford... Our Town can remain at Circle in Square until late winter, due to delay in razing 5 Sheridan Sq for apartment site... Harold Lang to be featured in Follies of 1910 due Jan 13 at Carnegie Playhouse... Brooke Hayward, daughter of Leland Hayward and Margaret Sullivan, to make NY debut in Marching Song.

Sappho revival of Clyde Fitch adaptation of Daudet's play to be presented Jan 13 at Renata by Rex Williams-David Kanter with Elaine Williams in title role... Come Share My House by Theodore Apstein to be presented Feb 18 at Actors Playhouse by Richard Karp-Gayle Hinckley, staged by Jack Ragotzy with Elisa Loti... Parade new revue by Jerry Herman to be presented Jan 21 at Players by Lawrence Kasner, starring Dody Goodman... The Fantasticks new musical by Harvey Stuart and Tom Jones to be presented by Lore Note in Feb, Ward Baker director... Love and Intrigue by Schiller to be presented Feb 15 to invited audiences as first production of Institute for Advanced Studies in Theatre Arts, directed by Willi Schmidt, director of Schiller Theatre, Berlin.

Other Broadways

Lola Fisher will play leading role in touring company of My Fair Lady Jan 18-30 in Little Rock and Birmingham, allowing Diane Todd a vacation. Margot Moser will standby in NY for Pamela Charles... Muriel Kirkland subbing for Eva Le Gallienne, Mary Stuart, to Dec 28, Latter has severe virus infection.

Church Drama

The Bible Salesman, a one act opera with 3 Negro characters to be presented for 10 Sun. 5 pm performances by Broadway Chapel Players starting Jan 31. Libretto and score by Jay Thompson.

Summer Playhouses

Hit the Deck will be revived next season at Jones Beach Marine Theatre June 23-Sept 5 by Guy Lombardo. Ira Wallach will revamp the plot, and Lombardo's Royal Canadians Orchestra will participate. A full-scale deck of a battleship and a motorboat race will be included.



* Season's Greetings From "C. D." *

DIGESTS OF CURRENT NYC THEATRE REVIEWS

Dinny and the Witches- Cherry Lane 12/9. 3 pro- News, Journal American, World Telegram & Sun- and 4 con- Times, Herald Tribune, Mirror, Post - filed on new fantasy with music by William Gibson, presented by Jess Kimmel-Alfred Stern, directed by Kimmel with Bill Heyer, Kay Doubleday, Julie Bovasso. Most okayed cast and production, with the diverse views registered on merits of script by author of the current The Miracle Worker. Affirmative side headed by McHarry, News, who enjoyed the bewitching, warmly interesting characters and players, plus the item that there is a bar on the premises. Aston, WTS, okayed it for the uncontrollably advanced, not the common-sense playgoer. He admitted he didn't dig much of it but found most of it, especially Bovasso's portrayal of the nice witch, amusing. McClain, Journal American, found it enchanting, well acted and perfect for Off Broadway. Author can be pardoned for some flights of wordy and abstruse meanderings. Negative side headed by Atkinson, Times, who listed play as labored piece of work despite a cheerful performance by trumpet player-actor Heyer. As play is not intrinsically poetic or humorous, Times man fears fantasy never gets off the ground. Kerr, Herald Tribune, panned it as a maddening little play that may stop the trend of established authors yearning for freedom of Off Broadway. Current example says too little too much, repeats lines five and six times and allows other excesses of the author pleasing only himself, Kerr listed. Coleman, Mirror, tabbed it a feeble fling attempting to conceal the trite beneath the fantastic, though reviewer would like to see Heyer in a better role. Watts, Post, notes that early Gibson play, started before his two Broadway successes, shows the author has improved and is much happier with dramatic realism. Play doesn't seem to get anywhere, Post aisle-sitter noted, he also praised Bovasso as the most winning and entertaining creation in the show.

Time of Vengeance- York- 12/10. 2 pro- Times, World Telegram & Sun- and 5 cons- filed on adaptation of Ugo Betti's Italian drama by Charles Wasserman, staged by David Metcalf, presented by Paul Libin with Charles Gregory and Lou Gilbert. Pro voters found play engrossing and well presented, while majority of dissenters found it confusing and overwrought. Atkinson, Times, cheered the increasingly absorbing drama acted and directed with taste and understanding. Staging preserves the muted tones of the play and settings by Helen Pond-Herbert Senn caught tedium and shiftlessness of a cynical village, while the low key acting brings play into focus as deliberately as the author does, Times man approved. Aston, WTS, shared praises among author, director and producer for the engrossing, gripping presentations. But Crist, Herald Tribune, panned it as an obscure and gloomy collection of sordid nonesense with a nice set and a trapped cast. Major blame is on adaptation which is unbelievable, she feared. Coleman, Mirror, also vetoed it as a fumbling, heavy-handed attempt at what might have been with the proper direction an absorbing psychological mystery play. Sets are best of Off Broadway season, Coleman added. McHarry, News, bets there is more to play than cast or adaptor discovered. Watts, Post, found play held interest but was clumsy and overwrought in production making it almost unintentionally funny. McClain, Journal American, thought a US writer deserved a hearing more than this pretentious play which wasted good writing and good production.

Kataki- St Marks- 12/15. 1 pro- Post- and 4 con- Times, Herald Tribune, Journal American, and World Telegram & Sun- filed on revival of 1958 two character drama by Shimon Winchelberg, staged and presented by M. David Samples. Wayne Maxwell and Dale Ishimoto were generally praised though majority could see no reason why play which lasted only 20 performances on Broadway should have been revived within nine months. Pro vote from Herridge, Post, applauded presentation as more intimate, fresh and humorous than the original. More physical activity, more change of pace and excellent performances were approved, as was new ending which has the Japanese killed by accident instead of committing hara-kiri. Gelb, Times, and Crist, Herald Tribune, agreed there was slight excuse for the revival, latter adding that it is a fallacy that by merely moving a play 40 blocks downtown it will improve. O'Connor, Journal American, could find only talk, no play in production that starts at a snail's pace and then grows slower. Klein, WTS, marked every element of the production first rate but nothing could overcome the basic flaw of its wordiness.

Thousand and One Nights- Folksbiene Playhouse-175 East Broadway. 12/15. 4 pros- Times, News, Post, World Telegram & Sun- filed on Yiddish drama by David Licht, adapted from a story by Sholom Aleichem, presented by the 45 year old Yiddish theatre group opening their new playhouse. Spiegel, Times, praised director Licht and the cast for the haunting effect, tragic and touching presentation. Silver, News, also complimented director and adapted Licht for bringing the Aleichem characters to full, significant life. Rosenberg, Post, cheered Licht and cast members for bringing new and deeper meaning to the folk stories. Krisher, WTS, rated it a superb production whose pathos, humor and satire penetrate the language barrier. Production in Yiddish will be presented on week-ends only including Sun. matinee.

Belafonte at the Palace - Palace 12/15 . 6 pros- and 1 con- Times- filed on one-man show of Harry Belafonte, produced by Paul Stein. All but Atkinson, Times, approved entertainer, while only Watts, Post, suggested that program was more of a folk-song recital or night-club entertainment than completely satisfying theatre. Pros ranged wide in tone from outright raves to qualified approval. Kerr, Herald Tribune, enjoyed the remarkable entertainer whose hypnotic concentration makes it seem as if the sound is coming from his whole personality. Critic suggested he drop variety show kidding with orchestra leader. Chapman, News, okayed the craftsman, stylist and technician who is an excellent showman, but has little personal warmth. Coleman, Mirror, raved for the artist and marvelous showman, a top-flight pantomimist, he can really sell a song. McClain, Journal American, also filed a rave for the most engaging, informal evening by entertainer who exudes unpretentious sex-appeal, one of the great entertainers of our time. Aston, WTS, applauded the great artist, superb entertainer and gentlemen, who might make his program better if he added dancing to it. Watts, Post, okayed it as interesting program of charming, touching and amusing songs admirably presented by an authentic artist, but to be a completely satisfying theatrical evening he should have employed his gifts for dramatic presence and showmanship more. Sole dissenter, Atkinson, Times, felt that the freshness has gone out of the singing of entertainer he better enjoyed in past appearances. Both singing and production are premediated, studied and sterile.

THEATRE
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"A Life in the Theatre" by Tyrone Guthrie (McGraw-Hill \$5.95) added four notices to its unanimous pro file. Coleman, Mirror, rated it a stimulating and provocative autobiography. Watts, Post, thought volume would be valuable if only for its lively, forthright and humorous account of the director's distinguished professional career as an international force in the drama. But it is also considerable more, Post drama critic continued, for it shows a vigorous, frank and provocative mind in action including one of the best cases yet for the arena stage. Rodo, Variety, liked the lively, provocative tome. Houghton, Times, recommended it for every true theatre lover in US, Canada and England, a book as important as Stanislavski's "My Life in Art", an important, hilarious, engrossing, shrewd mirror of the man himself.

THEATRE
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Fiorello! original cast disc (Capitol) pleased Watts, Post, who found the score attractive by itself. Even out of plot context "Politics and Poker" and "Little Tin Box" are delightful satirical songs. Jerry Bock and Sheldon Harnick are clearly valuable additions to our popular music theatre.

Take Me Along disc with Frankie Carle (Victor) makes an interesting interpretation of a show that Schreiber, World Telegram & Sun, originally didn't think much of musically. Presented by pianist Carle it is bright, gay and cheerful.



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PROS & CONS BY TMK

DIRECTOR'S ROLE... Four leading theatre directors expressed their views of the role of the director at the Dec "Drama Desk" meeting. Shepard Traube, founder of the recently organized Society of Theatre Directors explained that his group does not intend to seek an increased royalty plan nor does it want absolute authority on casting, revisions, etc. What it does want is a formal voice in these matters. John Gielgud believes a director must be in love with play know it better than actors or audience, see what is good or bad with the production, and conceal it from the audience. Actor-director believes it is unfair for a star to give less than nine months run to a production, and rather than any plans for retiring from acting he will be in NY or London as soon as he can find the right play. Harold Clurman, who is also drama critic of "Nation", explained that critics usually have the right conception of the whole production, but usually are wrong in assigning blame to author, actor or director. Jose Quintero sees in being a director the opportunity to translate the play in terms of his own emotions to the cast, matching the intent of the playwright. Fred Brisson, co-producer of Five Finger Exercise, predicted that Playwrights Co. will continue in business under Roger Stevens.

COLUMN TIPS... NY Ticket Brokers will be investigated by city officials, predicted Wilson, Post... Birth control to be subject of several plays next season, hears Walker, News... A View from the Bridge musical due when Arthur Miller finds right songwriting team to work with, reports Kilgallen, Journal American.

CHEKHOV'D LEGIT... Most of our ambitious playwrights and some of the best ones are ashamed to let anything happen onstage anymore, concludes Chapman, News, who admits to being all Chekhov'd up. There is hardly ever any dirty work afoot and the nearest thing to a fight is when a fella slaps a girl on both cheeks with an envelope. Critic is doubtful if he could tell the difference if A Loss of Roses, Silent Night, Lonely Night and Five Finger Exercise were rolled into one. Our theatre is losing its guts, its virility, critic complains.

CRITICAL THOUGHTS... Not that he is doubting Jessica Tandy's word, but Watts, Post, would that that curiosity would make the reviews irresistible to actors... Saratoga dances staged by Ralph Beaumont include a real knockout, noisy, zestful ballet "Petticoat High" and an enormously exciting "Railroad Fight" down in high and slow motion, approves Terry, Herald Tribune.

EVERYBODY'S A CRITIC... "Critic-Wanted" contest of WRCA-TV(NYC) offers \$100 fee, ride to and from home, dinner at Leone's, after-theatre snack at Sardi's, and broadcast time to join NBC critic Leon Pearson in reviewing Andersonville Trial Dec 29. Reviewer will be picked from those who file 100 word reviews on WRCA late evening films.

INTERVIEW HI-LITES... RICK BESOYAN, composer, director and co-producer of Little Mary Sunshine, doesn't consider himself an overnight success, Herridge, Post, learned. For 22 of his 35 years he has been composing songs, though his only other local effort was "In Your Hat" revue at the Showstop. Most of the current cast were either in the Showstop revue or were his students of voice... Though musical has received many offers to move uptown, it will remain at Orpheum which will sell 100 more seats nightly starting in Feb, Besoyan said on CBS-TV Eye on NY.

ROLF FORSBERG, director of Tempest at East 74th St, has some unusual methods of staging, he told Calta, Times. Rehearsals at times are held in the dark and actors also at times sing their lines. Periods of calisthenics, modern interpretive movements and lengthy improvisations are held also.

The Fighting Cock is a delightfully witty and wacky Anouilh comedy, brilliantly presented by its perfect cast and impeccable director. Busting with insane images, the long-due come-uppance of the avant garde movement, and a broad take-off on De Gaulle, the literate fun may sag now and then allowing the audience to catch its breath, but the overall effect makes the most intelligent, original comedy of the season.

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Saratoga is a lavish travelogue spectacle featuring beautiful poster scenes of New Orleans and Saratoga. The pleasant people, tunes and lyrics don't have a chance competing with the mountains of lovely costumes, the breath-taking market scene and the moving track which brings people and furniture onstage the easy way. No single character really has time enough between costume changes to sit down long enough for the audience to get to know about them. Perhaps if a smaller segment of the Ferber novel had been attempted the results would have been more satisfying.

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Dinny and the Witches is pleasant light-hearted fantasy with music that is lively as long as it doesn't take itself seriously. Deep philosophical insight it does not contain and should not be expected by audience or cast. Presented at a rather hectic pace by able performers it contains enough amusing thoughts, parodies of famous sayings, and clever lyrics to easily mark it as the most original Off Broadway play of the season. Especially in a season marked by revivals of recent and past Broadway flops.

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Time of Vengeance is an Italian import that seems to have stymied adaptors, cast and audience. The significance and symbolism of the corrupt town officials and/or the utter poverty of life in a tiny Italian hamlet is not understood well enough by any to be fully conveyed. The shoutings of the cast members do not make up for comprehension and make it a mystery how one first nighter thought the play was presented in a quiet tone.

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Critics will soon by the only craftsmen in the theatre without a strong union and it is time to think of the demands that might be made against the League of NY Theatres. The terms of reviewing provided for the winners of the WRCA-TV "Critics-Wanted" contest might be a good starting point. NBC is paying that part of the bill not covered by "payola" in this case, but good organization by an Executive Director of Reviewers could certainly get equal elements. Transportation to and from the theatre, dinner plus an after-theatre snack, sound like worthwhile items to fight for. A few mentions of restaurants and liquors in the reviews would only counter-balance like plugs in program credits. Off Broadway until it gets strong enough to support the critics in this fashion may be in difficulties, but some of the stancher theatre fans among the reviewers may cover an Off Broadway show now and then. If the union doesn't object too much, that is!

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If actors who claim they never read the reviews of their show are honest, how can they disagree so violently with notices they have never read?

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Drama schools could add courses on whispering to their curriculum as benefits to the actor and the audience. More and more young actors try to make up in volume what they lack in acting ability, and the directors of too many plays seem to be wearing ear-plugs during rehearsals.

Dec 21, 1959 THEATRE FACT CHART--CRITICAL DIGEST--139 E 47, NYC EL 5-6894

This weekly chart of CRITICAL DIGEST presents up-to-minute data on current business and critical reaction to current Broadway and Off Broadway shows. Top week-end box office prices and opening dates are listed.

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"C"-Critical - figures refer to percentage of PRO votes filed by 7 NYC daily reviewers--TIMES (Atkinson, Calta, Gelb, Funks), HERALD TRIBUNE (Kerr, Crist, Gleason), NEWS-(Chapman, McHarry), MIRROR-(Coleman), POST (Watts, Horridge), JOURNAL AMERICAN (McClain, O'Connor), WORLD TELEGRAM & SUN (Aston, Krishner). PRO means show was recommended for entertaining and/or stimulating evening, not if critic predicted if show would be a commercial hit (earn back its investment) or not.

"B"-Business- figures refer to percentage of gross ticket sales last week and indicates current availability of tickets. Figures that follow are corrected gross estimates by Variety for past weeks' business, all figures in thousands of dollars. Thus 100% B- Cap \$68--\$68 \$64 \$63 --means that the past week the show was a sell out at capacity of \$68,000, the previous week business was \$64,000, etc.

AT DROP OF HAT	250 W 45	90% C- 1 Con- Times-Lays Off 12/21-12/25
Golden \$6. 90 10/8/59	C1 6-6740	50% B- Cap \$30--\$16 \$20 \$20 \$22 \$23 \$22
DESTRY RIDES AGAIN	255 W 45	80% C- 2 Con- Times, H Trib, 3 raves
Imperial \$9. 40 4/23/59	CO 5-2412	65% B- Cap \$64--\$40 \$48 \$49 \$47 \$51 \$51
FIORELLO!	235 W 44	100% C- 5 raves- Post, WTS mild book
Broadhurst \$9. 40 11/23/59	C1 6-6699	100% B- Cap \$58--\$58 \$58 \$54
FIGHTING COCK	245 W 52	30% C- 2 Pro- Times, Mirror
ANTA \$7. 50 12/8/59	C1 6-6270	Cap \$50
FIVE FINGER EXERCISE	245 W 45	90% C- 1 Con- News- 5 raves
Music Box \$7. 50 12/2/59	C1 6-4636	75% B- Cap \$40--\$30
FLOWER DRUM SONG	246 W 44	90% C- 1 Con- Post
St James \$8. 05 12/1/58	LA 4-4664	95% B- Cap \$64--\$60 \$61 \$61 \$61 \$63 \$63
GANGS ALL HERE	209 W 49	60% C- 4 Pro- Times, H Trib, Post, WTS
Ambassador \$7. 50 10/1/59	CO 5-1855	70% B- Cap \$41--\$28 \$31 \$30 \$35 \$35 \$36
GOLDEN FLEECING	125 W 43	60% C- 4 Pro- Times, News, WTS, J Am
Miller \$6. 90 10/15/59	BR 9-3970	50% B- Cap \$32--\$16 \$19 \$18 Closes 12/26
GYPSY	1681 Bway	100% C- 7 Pro- J Am milder on book
Broadway \$9. 40 5/21/59	C1 7-7992	100% B- Cap \$81--\$81 \$81 \$76 \$82 \$81 \$81

HEARTBREAK HOUSE	226 W 41	100% C- 7 pro- some milder on play
Rose \$7. 50 10/16/59	WI 7-5510	65% B- Cap \$45--\$26 \$33 \$34 \$31 \$36
LA PLUME	242 W 45	100% C- 6 raves- Times milder
Royale \$8. 05 11/11/58	C1 5-5760	100% B- Cap \$45-- \$45 \$45 \$45 \$45
LOSS OF ROSES	230 W 49	10% C- 1 Pro- News- Closed 12/19
Coronet \$6. 90 11/28/59	C1 6-8870	45% B- Cap \$44--\$22 \$19
MAJORITY OF ONE	243 W 47	90% C- 1 Con- News- all raves co-stars
Barrymore \$6. 90 2/16/59	C1 6-0390	65% B- Cap \$53--\$31 \$35 \$38 \$37 \$39
MARRIAGE GO ROUND	236 W 45	40% C- 3 Pro- Times, News, WTS
Plymouth \$6. 90 12/29/58	C1 6-9156	85% B- Cap \$43--\$39 \$42 \$39 \$39 \$43 \$43
MIRACLE WORKER	137 W 48	100% C- 5 raves- Times, WTS milder
Playhouse \$7. 50 10/19/59	C1 5-6060	100% B- Cap \$36--\$35 \$35 \$35 \$36 \$36 \$36
MUSIC MAN	245 W 44	100% C- 6 raves H Trib milder
Majestic \$8. 05 12/19/57	C1 6-0730	85% B- Cap \$70--\$60 \$65 \$60 \$64 \$68 \$69
MY FAIR LADY	235 W 51	100% C- 7 raves play-News OK P Charls
Hellinger \$8. 05 3/15/56	PL 7-7064	85% B- Cap \$70--\$60 \$63 \$61 \$66 \$64 \$70
ONCE UPON A MATTRESS	250 W 52	90% C- 1 Con- News
Alvin \$6. 90 5/11/59	C1 5-5226	50% B- Cap \$52--\$24 \$26 \$33 Moved Phon
RAISIN IN SUN	III W 44	100% C- most raves, slight reservations
Belasco \$3. 90 3/11/59	JU 6-7950	50% B- Cap \$41--\$22 \$25 \$28 \$29 \$29 \$29
REDHEAD	226 W 46	90% C- 1 Con- Times- 6 raves G Verdon
46th St \$9. 20 2/5/59	C1 6-4271	65% B- Cap \$63--\$38 \$47 \$40 \$48 \$50 \$53
SARATOGA	1634 Bway	30% C- 2 Pro- News, J Am
W. Garden \$9. 20 12/7/59	C1 5-4878	85% B- Cap \$72--\$61
SILENT NIGHT, LONELY N.	235 W 45	0% C- 7 con on play
Morosco \$7. 50 12/3/59	C1 6-2230	95% B- Cap \$40--\$36
SOUND OF MUSIC	205 W 45	90% C- 1 Con- H Trib- 3 raves
Lunt \$9. 90 11/16/59	JU 6-5555	100% B- Cap \$75--\$75 \$75 \$75 \$75 \$75
SWEET BIRD YOUTH	302 W 45	100% C- 7 pro- 6 raves Post milder
Beck \$6. 90 3/10/59	C1 6-6363	70% B- Cap \$48--\$33 \$32 \$34 \$33 \$37 \$36
TAKE ME ALONG	225 W 44	90% C- 1 Con- Mirror- 2 raves-News, WTS
Shubert \$9. 40 10/22/59	C1 6-5910	100% B- Cap \$64--\$64 \$65 \$65 \$64 \$64
TENTH MAN	222 W 45	100% C- 7 pro- 2 raves- Times, News
Booth \$7. 50 11/5/59	C1 6-5969	100% B- Cap \$32--\$32 \$32 \$32 \$32 \$32 \$32
WARM PENINSULA	206 W 46	10% C- 1 pro- 6 cons-closes 1/2
Hayes \$6. 90 10/20/59	C1 6-6380	40% B- Cap \$40--\$14 \$19 \$21 \$25 \$28 \$27
WORLD'S WONG	152 W 54	60% C- 4 Pro- Mir, J Am, WTS, Post
54th St-\$6. 90 10/14/58	JU 6-3787	40% B- Cap \$47--\$18 \$21 \$22 \$21 \$25

OFF BROADWAY

BIG KNIFE	120 Mad.	4 Pro- H Trib, J Am, WTS, Post
7 Arts \$4. 60 11/12/59	MU 6-4950	2 Con- Times, News
DEVILS GAME	197-E Bway	4 Pro- Times, Post, WTS, News
Ed Alliance \$3 11/8/59	GR 5-6200	Yiddish Drama Week Ends Only
DINNY & WITCHES	38 Comm.	3 Pro- News, WTS, J Am
Curry Lane \$4. 95 12/9/59	CH 2-4491	4 Con- Times, Trib, Mir, Post
EGOTIST	350W 57	
Blackfriars \$3 10/13/59	CI 6-0236	2 Con- Times, J Am
ENEMY OF PEOPLE	100-7th Av S	4 Pro- Times, H Trib, WTS, Post
Actors Play \$4. 60 2/4/59	OR 5-1036	3 Con- News, Mirror, J Am
KOSHER WIDOW	66-2nd Av	6 Pro- NO H Trib review
Anderson \$4. 60 10/31/59	OR 4-4261	Yiddish musical with Moly Picon
LEAVE IT TO JANE	99-7th Av S	5 Pro-
Sher Sq \$5 5/25/59	CH 2-9244	2 Con- H Trib, News
LITTLE MARY SUNSHINE	126-2nd Av	6 Pro- 4 Raves-No Mirror review
Orpheum \$4. 95 11/11/59	OR 4-8140	
ORPHEUS DESCENDING	138 E 27	4 Pro- Times, WTS, Post, J Am
Gram Art \$3. 90 10/5/59	MU 6-1270	2 Con- H Trib, News
OUR TOWN	5 Sher Sq	7 Pro- Unanimous approval
Circle \$4. 50 3/23/59	OR 5-9437	revival Wilder prize play
SHAOULD & SUBSTANCE	120 Mad.	5 Pro- Times, H Trib, Post, J Am, WTS
Tara \$3. 45 11/5/59	MU 6-4950	1 Con- News
SUMMER DOLL	85 E 4	4 Pro- H Trib, J Am, WTS, Post
Downtown \$4. 50 10/13/59	GR 3-4412	1 Con- Times
3 PENNY OPERA	121 Carls	3 Pro- Times, H Trib, Post
De Lys \$4. 85 9/20/55	WA 4-8782	
3 SISTERS	83 E 4	3 Pro- Times, Post, WTS
4th St \$4. 60 9/21/59	OR 4-5710	3 Con- H Trib, News, J Am
TIME OF VENGEANCE	64 & lat	2 Pro- Times, WTS
York \$4. 60 12/10/59	TR 9-4130	5 Con
USA	32 & Bway	5 Pro-
Martinique \$4. 20 10/28/59	PE 6-3056	2 Con- Times, H Trib
LIVING REPERTORY	530-6th Av	Tonite- 4 Pro- 1 Con- J Am 11/6
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Sullivan St \$3. 60	OR 4-3838	Borkman-1 Pro- WTS-1 Con- Times 11/25

THEATRE CALENDAR

Goodbye Charlie- Lyceum- 12/16	And Thoughts of Love-Provinc 2/2
Etienne Decroux Mime- Gate-12/23	Sweet Love Remember'd-Rose 2/4
Pictures in the Hallway- Phoenix 12/26	Courtyard- Off (?) 2/15
Tempest- East 74- 12/27	The Long Dream- 2/18
Marching Song- Gate 12/28	The Good Soup- 2/18
Andersonville Trial- Miller 12/29	Come Share My House-Actors Play 2/18
Alley of Sunset- Jan Hus- 12/30	Piccolo Theatre di Milano-C. Center 2/23
Mighty Man is He- Cort 1/6	The Tumbler- Hayes 2/24
Juniper & Pagans- Longacre 1/7	Joshua Tree- 2/24
Peer Gynt- Phoenix 1/12	Hellman Play- Hudson 2/25
Follies of 1910- Carn Play 1/13	The Choice- 2/25
Saphas Renata- 1/13	There Was a Little Girl-Cort 2/26
A distant Bell- 1/13	Beg, Borrow or Steal- 54th St 2/?
Caligula- 1/20	Winterset- Phoenix 3/1
Motel- Hayes- 1/21	Greenwillow- Alvin 3/3
Parade- Players 1/21	The Visit- City Center 3/9
Breaking Wall- St Marks 1/25	Capsins & Kings- 3/9
Bible Salesman-Bway Chapel- 1/31	Paris Not So Gay- 3/10
Dr Knock- Green Mews- 1/?	Time Has Come- 3/16
Russell Patterson Sketch Book Maidman 1/25	Henry IV-Part I-Phoenix 4/12

TV THEATRE PROGRAMS

Dec 24- CBS- Silver Whistle on Playhouse 90	
Jan 5- NBC- The Man on Startime with Audie Murphy	
Jan 8- NBC- Man in Dog Suit with Art Carney	
Jan 29- CBS- Fifth Column play by Hemingway	
Feb 2- NBC- Tempest on Hall of Fame with Maurice Evans	
Apr 10- NBC- Cradle Song on Hall of Fame with Judith Anderson	

LONDON OPENINGS

Make Me an Offer- News- 12/16	
One Way Pendulum-Royal Court 12/22	
When in Rome- Adelphi- 12/26	

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